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WILEY'S "FERNS OF NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES."<sup>1</sup>—It is now possible to obtain a pocket manual of ferns of the same general character as Chester Reed's little guides to the birds. Miss Farida A. Wiley of the American Museum of Natural History has put out a slender, flexibly bound volume, 4 by 6 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches, designed to fit comfortably into pocket or hand-bag and, with the aid of copious illustration, brief, strictly non-technical descriptions and a carefully worked-out key to sterile fronds, to furnish an easy and painless method of naming, in the field, the species to be met with in New England and the middle Atlantic states. The little book should help the beginner toward an acquaintance with ferns; but, in view of the fact that six of the drawings are misnamed, the statement in the foreword that "by a novel method<sup>2</sup> . . . even the uninitiated can readily identify ferns without fear of error" seems a bit too hopeful.—C. A. W.

<sup>1</sup> Wiley, Farida A. Ferns of Northeastern United States. Published by the author, 1936. 98 pp., many cuts. \$1.00.

<sup>2</sup> Wherein the novelty lies is not explained, nor is it obvious.